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State Representative Carl Isett

Dist. 84

In November of 1996, Carl Isett was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. As the only practicing public accountant serving in the House, Representative Isett takes a much-needed perspective to Austin and fights tirelessly for the core values of the Republican Party: less government, lower taxes, and greater personal freedom and responsibility.

Even as a freshman, Representative Isett was looked to as a leader in Austin. His fellow West Texas Republican colleagues elected him to serve on the Policy Committee of the House Republican Caucus. He successfully championed legislation involving an accounting method called activity-based costing, which will now be used to identify and eliminate wasteful spending in state government. That legislation has become a cornerstone of Comptroller Carol Rylander's E-Texas initiative who has named Representative Isett to her legislative steering committee. Numerous organizations have recognized Representative Isett for his principled, intelligent leadership in making government more efficient and accountable. For two consecutive sessions, the Free Market Foundation's Free Enterprise Pac has recognized Representative Isett as one of the top ten most conservative legislators and "Freshman of the Year" in 1997. Because of his push for lower taxes and to make government more efficient, Representative Isett was given the "Friend of the Taxpayer" Award from the Citizens for a Sound Economy and the

"Champion of Free Enterprise" Award by Texas Public Policy Foundation. He was also elected by his peers to serve on the Board of Directors of the Conservative Coalition and to the Steering Committee for the House Research Organization.

Carl and his wife Cheri have been married over 18 years. They have 5 children, Joan, Alexander, Nicholas, Victoria, and Mary Elizabeth. An entrepreneur, Carl Isett has been working for himself almost continuously since his first paper route at the age of 12. He has owned several businesses over the years and worked his way through college, at times working three jobs, to put himself and his wife through Texas Tech University. As a Certified Public Accountant Carl works almost exclusively with small business owners and carries their concerns to the legislature.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting and Finance and his Master of Science degree in Finance at Texas Tech University. For the past 9 years, he has served as a Commissioned Officer in the United States Naval Reserve. He currently serves on the Juvenile Justice & Family Issues and the State, Federal, and International Relations Committee.

